

PUBLIC NOTICE

696 Virginia Road Concord, MA 01742-2751 Date: September 16, 2008

Comment Period Ends: October 17, 2008

File Number: NAE-2005-1931 In Reply Refer To: Brian E. Valiton

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The District Engineer has received a permit application from the applicant below to **conduct work in waters of the United States** as described below. The Corps is soliciting comments on both the project itself and the range of issues to be addressed in the environmental documentation.

APPLICANT

R.E.V. REALTY TRUST, (d.b.a. Mattakeese Wharf Restaurant), Millway Road, Barnstable, Massachusetts

ACTIVITY

The work includes new dredging (not previously permitted by the Corps) of an area of approximately 9,600 square-foot (SF) area to a depth of 6 feet (FT) below mean low water (MLW) at Maraspin Creek/Barnstable Inner Harbor in Barnstable, Massachusetts and placing of approx. 765 sq. ft. of pile-anchored floating docks in the area to be dredged. Of this area to be dredged approx. 5600 sq. ft. is now inter-tidal resource area. Approximately 1080 cubic yards (CY) of sandy material will be removed by mechanical means, dewatered above the high tide line (HTL) at the nearby Blair property parking lot and then ultimately used in upland areas as authorized by the Mass. DEP. The work is described on the enclosed plans entitled, "PLANS ACCOMPANYING PETITION OF R.E.V REALY TRUST TO DREDGE AND CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN FLOATS AND PILES IN AND OVER THE WATERS BARNSTABLE INNER HARBOR BARNSTABLE, MA," on four (4) sheets, and dated, "Oct. 11, 2005 with revisions dated 3/8/06 and 12/13/07."

At the same time we are simultaneously issuing a public notice for the abutting landowner, MILL WAY REALTY TRUST, to dredge an area of approx. 12,000 sq. ft. also to a similar depth of 6 feet (see Corps file # NAE 2005-1930). The MILL WAY REALTY TRUST dredging includes approx. 1000 sq. ft. of inter-tidal resource area but most all of the area proposed for dredging was within an area previously authorized for dredging by the Corps in May 1995 and is therefore considered maintenance dredging.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK

This work is proposed in Maraspin Creek/Barnstable Inner Harbor in Barnstable, Massachusetts. The proposed location on the USGS Barnstable quadrangle sheet is at UTM coordinates 41.71 N and 70.30 W.

AUTHORITY

Permits are required pursuant to:				
X	Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899			
	Section 404 of the Clean Water Act			
	Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act			

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The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which may reasonably accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are: conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural value, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain value, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-267), requires all federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH).

This project will impact approximately .2 acres of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) for Atlantic cod (all life stages), haddock (eggs and larvae), pollock (all life stages except eggs), whiting (all life stages), red hake (all life stages), white hake (all life stages), winter flounder (all life stages), yellowtail flounder (all life stages), windowpane flounder (all life stages), American plaice (all life stages), ocean pout (all life stages), Atlantic halibut (all life stages), Atlantic sea scallops (all life stages), Atlantic sea herring (all life stages), bluefish (juveniles and adults), long finned squid (juveniles and adults), short finned squid (juveniles and adults), Atlantic butterfish (all life stages), Atlantic mackerel (all life stages), summer flounder (adults only), scup (juveniles and adults), black sea bass (juveniles and adults), spiny dogfish (juveniles and adults) and bluefin tuna (juveniles and adults). This habitat consists of intertidal and subtidal sandy substrate. Loss of this habitat may adversely affect the species listed above.

The District Engineer has made a preliminary determination that the site-specific adverse effects to EFH will not be substantial. Further consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding EFH conservation recommendations is being conducted and will be concluded prior to the final decision.

SECTION 106 COORDINATION

Based on his initial review, the District Engineer has determined that the proposed work may impact properties listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. Additional review and consultation to fulfil requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, will be ongoing as part of the permit review process.

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Pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, the District Engineer is hereby requesting that the appropriate Federal Agency provide comments regarding the presence of and potential impacts to listed species or its critical habitat.

The States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island have approved **Coastal Zone Management Programs**. Where applicable the applicant states that any proposed activity will comply with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the approved Coastal Zone Management Program. By this Public Notice, we are requesting the State concurrence or objection to the applicant's consistency statement.

The following authorizations have been applied for, or have been, or will be obtained:

(X)	Permit,	License	or	Assent	from	State
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(X) Permit from Local Wetland Agency or Conservation Commission.

() Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

In order to properly evaluate the proposal, we are seeking public comment. Anyone wishing to comment is encouraged to do so. Comments should be submitted in writing by the above date. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Valiton at (978) 318-8166, (800) 343-4789 or (800) 362-4367, if calling from within Massachusetts.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for a public hearing shall specifically state the reasons for holding a public hearing. The Corps holds public hearings for the purpose of obtaining public comments when that is the best means for understanding a wide variety of concerns from a diverse segment of the public.

The initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice. All comments will be considered a matter of public record. Copies of letters of objection will be forwarded to the applicant who will normally be requested to contact objectors directly in an effort to reach an understanding.

For more information on the New England District Corps of Engineers programs, visit our website at http://www.nae.usace.army.mil.

THIS NOTICE IS <u>NOT</u> AN AUTHORIZATION TO DO ANY WORK.

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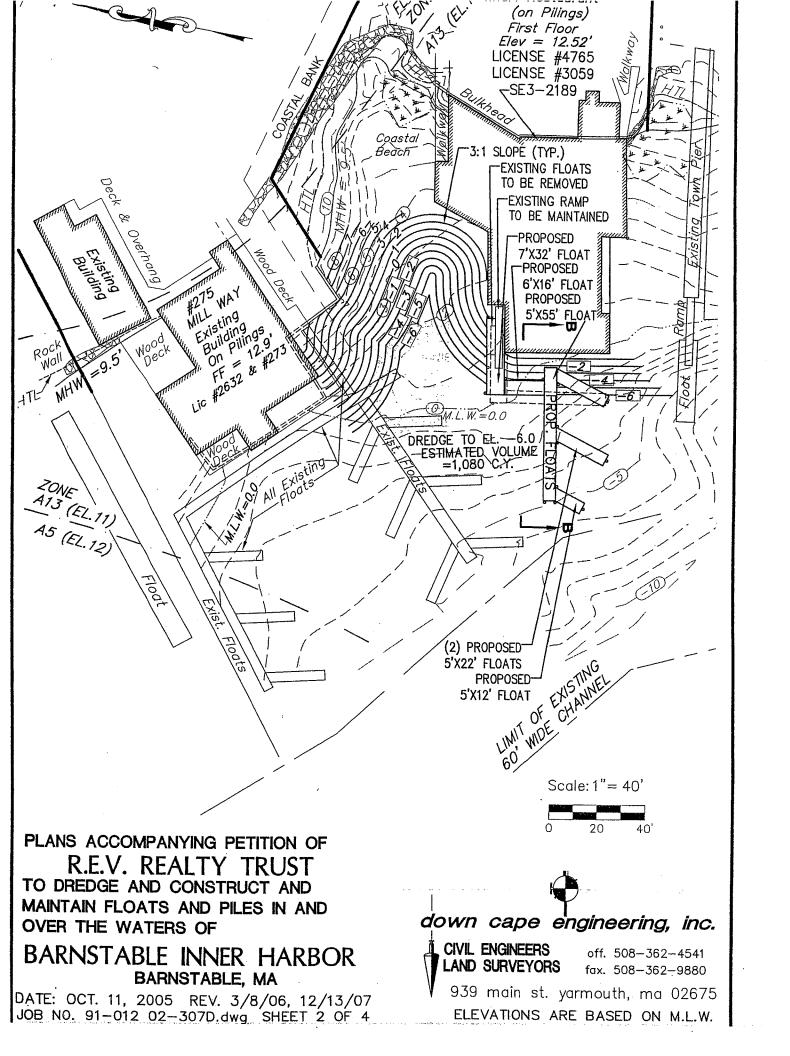
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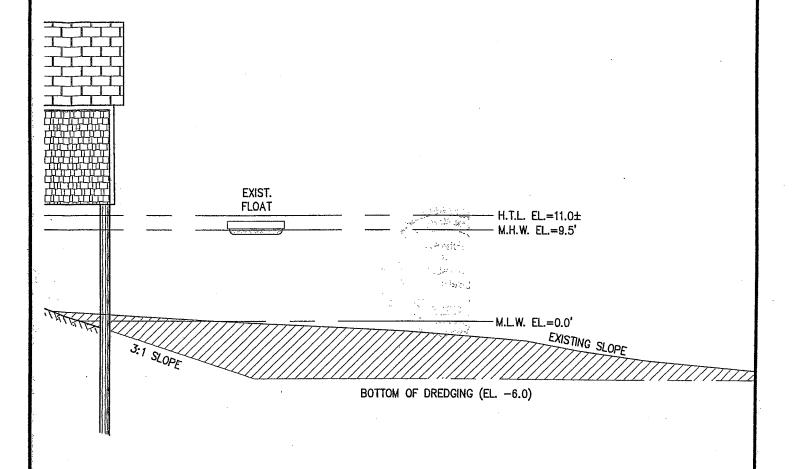
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TYPICAL CROSS SECTION B-B

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PLANS ACCOMPANYING PETITION OF

R.E.V. REALTY TRUST TO DREDGE AND CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN FLOATS AND PILES IN AND OVER THE WATERS OF

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DATE: OCT. 11, 2005 REV. 3/8/06, 12/13/07 JOB NO. 91-012 02-307D.dwg SHEET 3 OF 4



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